

Dr Mason

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[To be continued.]

The Bethel Courier: A Home Paper.

THE BURNING OF THE RUFUS SOULE
BY A BRITISH CRUISER.—Commander Totten, of the U. S. ship Vincennes, has forwarded to the Navy Department an account of the visit, search, seizure and burning of the American brig Rufus Soule by H. B. M. steamer Viper, on the coast of Africa, in October last. Peter Calista, a seaman on board the Rufus Soule, made the following statement of the affair on board the Vincennes:

"I shipped for the American brig Rufus Soule, Capt. Anderson, at Matanzas, on the 9th of July, and sailed as I understood, for Fernando Po.—Just sighted Cape Verde Islands, and the next land we made was the African coast near to Banda Point. Soon after, we saw a steamer coming towards us, and she sent a boat. The captain of the steamer Viper and another officer with him came aboard; they asked for papers, and mustered the crew and questioned us all about where we belonged. I was at the wheel, and heard the captain of the Viper tell Capt. Anderson that he would give him one hour to make up his mind, and if he did not deliver his vessel he would take her in tow, and the captain returned on board his own vessel, leaving the other officers with us. In half an hour the order was given for the English to open the hatches. I then saw for the first time that our flag had been hoisted down."

The English officer then waved his handkerchief to the Viper, and the captain of the steamer came aboard. The hatches were opened, and he then ordered us all to get our clothes ready to go on board the steamer. Afterwards they brought from the brig all her sails and small stores. The brig was set on fire about 7 o'clock in the evening, and was burning all night. In the morning several shots were fired at her before she went down. I heard it said by some of the crew of the Viper that she was burned because they had no men to send away in her, and that they had orders to burn one out of every three vessels taken. We got under way in the afternoon, and were landed on the beach at Cabinda. If the Vincennes had not come in, I don't know how we could have lived. I told the English officer that I was an American citizen."

Commander Totten then wrote to the commander of the Viper, making the following inquiries:

First—If she had the American flag flying when visited by your boat?

Second—Were her papers found correct?

Third—If the American flag was still flying when her hatches were opened, and if not, under what circumstances, and when it was hoisted down?

I ask these questions because I have information that the Rufus Soule was captured by the Viper.

Commander Hodgkinson replied categorically as follows:

First—Had the vessel the American flag flying at the time she was visited by the boat? Answer—She had the American flag flying; and from information from the British Government, dated the 25th and 26th of July last, there was every just cause to believe that in this case a fraudulent use of the flag was being made, and that the vessel was engaged in the slave trade; consequently she was visited.

Second—If her papers were correct? Answer—In my opinion they were incorrect, some of them undoubtedly so.

Third—If the American flag was still flying when the hatches were opened? Answer—The American flag was not flying when the vessel's hatches were opened. The flag and papers were thrown into the sea by the captain, without even a suggestion on my part.

To this letter Commander Totten replied that it was unsatisfactory, as it made no mention of the circumstances of the burning of the brig without legal investigation.

Commander Hodgkinson rejoined by referring the American officer to the British Admiral in command of the station; and this closes the correspondence as reported to the Navy Department at Washington.—*Boston Journal.*

ADMISSION OF OREGON.—In the House on Saturday last, the bill for the admission of Oregon was passed by a vote of 114 against 103. The admission of the new State was the cause of many congratulations at Washington. The number of the States is now thirty-three.

JOHN EDWARDS Esq., has issued a prospectus of a new weekly paper to be published in Portland and called the *Saturday Evening Bulletin.*

The Lecturer Mr. Wells, did not appear last evening, on account of other engagements.

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BETHEL, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1859.

WALKER'S MILLS.

We took a ride this week to Walker's Mills, four miles below this village on the line of the Railroad. On visiting the Bedstead Factory of Russell & Co., we were surprised to see the despatch and extent of their works. They stated that they had perfected their machinery to such an extent that with hands enough, they could turn out six dozen bedsteads a week. It was astonishing to see how quick a bed post could be made; a square stick of joist is run through a machine in half a minute and comes out a round one. It is run through another machine and comes out in half a minute perfectly turned into grooves. We scarcely ever felt more impressed with the triumphs of genius than in witnessing the labors of a few hands in this branch of manufacture. They fill orders from every part of the Country and Canada.

We next visited Walker's new Grist Mill. This is one of the best, if not the best constructed mill in the County. Everything is built on the most liberal plan, and excellent flour is obtained here.

There are four different falls of water coming from ponds near Locke's Mills, and emptying into the Androscoggin near the depot, at Bethel Hill. These falls make a descent of forty-four feet, and are well adapted for manufacturing purposes. Success to the men who occupy the fine water power here.

(Angus Correspondence.)
ANGUS, Feb. 14, 1859.

We are enjoying very pleasant weather just now, and it is truly refreshing after having such weather as the month of January made us acquainted with. The Legislature is in full tide of active operation. A general disposition is manifested to despatch the business before it as fast as possible, with a due degree of consideration for the public welfare; business of necessity and general utility is not delayed by any faction or position from any quarter. Legislation is very different from ordinary business transactions. The subjects demanding Legislative action are many and the rights and interests of many are involved, and all presenting petitions or memorials for consideration must have a respectful hearing, conflicting interests must be reconciled, and often what seems to be a small matter involves a long space of time in its investigation. Those who have had no experience, know but little of the complicated machinery of Legislation. It is presumed that an enumeration of the most important measures before the Legislature would be uninteresting to your readers as it is presumed that they are kept well informed as regards those matters.

By general consent, all business requiring discussion, not demanding immediate action is reserved for Saturday and Mondays, when many of the members are usually absent.

G. H. B.

A SPLENDID LOCOMOTIVE.—The Portland Company are putting the finishing touches to one of the most splendid locomotives turned out from that establishment. It is intended for the Portland District of the Grand Trunk Railroad, is about 30 tons weight—a most powerful machine, and furnished in the most substantial manner. The cost of the machine is about \$11,000. This company has manufactured five of them for the Halifax (N. S.) Railroad, which are running on that road with great success in opposition to locomotives imported from Scotland at a cost of \$17,500 each, the preference being given to the Portland machines. This is the 144th machine of the Grand Trunk Company, and the 103rd built by the Portland Company.—*Portland Argus.*

A large two story, double tenement house, owned and occupied by R. S. Morse, of East Dixfield, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday night last, about 11 o'clock. Insured for \$900. The loss is much greater than the amount of insurance.

BETHEL FARMERS' CLUB.

The Club met at Mr. D. F. Brown's Feb. 10th, 1859. Subject for discussion: The comparative profits of different kinds of stock. The President introduced the subject, by stating that we must improve our farms by our stock. In the fertile west they may crop their lands without returning the manure to the soil, but here it is different. He regarded the keeping of stock as the economical method of fertilizing our lands. We might to a certain extent employ other fertilizers. We must obtain the best breeds.—His own preferences are for the Devon.

Mr. Francis Barker. He had not depended on neat stock for profit, but with sheep it had been thriving. Last year the increase of 25 sheep was 65 dollars. Average of wool 4 lbs each. Aimed after the most and not the finest wool. His sheep are a cross of the Cheviot and Leicester breeds which he regarded as very good for this region. M. A. Mason thought that horses might be made the most profitable. Levi Twitchell said that with him bipeds, in the shape of hens are the most profitable. The pay for them is always ready.

Joshua Brown. Have no experience in stock raising. The question had occurred to him if farmers can manage their farms with sheep alone. So far as milking properties were concerned he could not yet see any improvement over our natives when well cared for.

John Barker. Sheep were very profitable to him, but not convenient near a railroad. He finds his hogs his most profitable stock, because he can keep them at work during winter. He had a cement floor to his barn cellar which saved everything. It was made of hydraulic cement one part, and gravelly parts, and two inches thick. It cost about 16 dollars. His hogs worked over everything deposited there.

G. Chapman, Esq. Devon Stock may be regarded as best here. They do not cost more than two thirds as much as natives. They are hairy, thick, and a firm glowing coat unlike the long-haired native. They give one half as much milk as a native, but twice as good, thereby making a saving. They always look well. Oxen are docile and will learn anything but to talk. He has a full-blooded Devon worth \$200.

Mr. Robbins, of Winthrop spoke. He had seen some fine Durhams on the farm of Mr. Wadsworth, of Livermore. The Devons might be the best on short pastures, but in good feed, would prefer the Durham. There was a variety of stock in Jay, known as the Eddy breed which is very fine. Gen. Knox imported stock more than sixty years ago. One of the breed a calf six months old was the finest on the ground at the State Fair. In Winthrop, the Jerseys have been introduced and promise well.

John A. Twitchell kept hens because he was not quite poor enough to keep a horse. Last year he had seven layers, and from the first of Jan. to the last of June had received 600 eggs from them. If not profitable, they were very convenient in a family.

Mr. Boardman, of Norridgewock. He thought that to make money, the farmer should keep different kinds of stock adapted to his feed for them. Sheep was regarded in his section the most profitable. They required no special care except during washing and shearing. In his vicinity the Herefords were well liked. They will bear high or low keeping. Good keeping is all important. A neighbor of his has taken great pains with the natives, and has a fine herd. Another neighbor, has 600 sheep. Their club embrace the town. In the center of the town was a club where they assembled once a fortnight from the branch clubs ten in number, and heard reports from them. These were very interesting. Mr. B.'s remarks were listened to with much interest.

D. F. Brown. He thought that the raising of horses was the most profitable if we have the right breed. He liked the Morgan for strength,

durability and as roadsters. They are docile. Horses should have salt regularly. Never had a sick horse in his life. Remarks were made by others, but the printer reminds us that our space is limited this week.

The next meeting will be held at Mr. Levi Twitchell's, Wednesday eve., Feb. 16. Subject: Comparative value of Oxen and Horses for farm labor. After eating our ration of apples, adjourned.

N. T. T.

SCENES IN THE LIFE OF A "SCHOOL-MARM."—No. 2.

BY LUZERN.

O dear me! Here school has been keeping nearly three weeks, and I have been puzzling and studying to get all my classes arranged, and all the scholars at work in one place, and all interested, and now here comes a great overgrown boy, full of fun and mischief his head set way into his shoulders, and his shoulders all ready to slung up, every time an unlucky archer sneezes vociferously with his handkerchief fast in his pocket. What in the world shall I ever do with him? Do see him cutting round now, with those little boys. One on his back, another clinging to his heels, and two or three perseveringly holding on to his short jacket. If he had only come the first day, I might have interested him and managed nicely! but I presume he has been wandering round, fishing and hunting all this while, till he is nearly as wild as the animals themselves. To cap all, I have got to go there to board to night, wonder how he will maneuver at home.

He has got a decent name, Frank, I am thankful for that. Well, let's see. If any body should ask me to night, which one of my scholars I liked best, I really believe I should say Frank, if I said at all, and it is only two weeks since he began to come to school.

He would have been glad enough to have come all the time through, but his father is sick, and he had to get all the wood for the family. But how he is getting along. He studies nights, and morning too, before the rest are up. He has overtaken the Arithmetic class, and is following up after the one in Algebra with rapid strides. And then he is so good natured. Any one with half a heart can't help liking him. Strange! I couldn't see there was good in him, when the little ones thronged round him so.

There were sales of nine shares of the Bates (Lewiston) Manufacturing Co's stock at 29 ets., at the Boston Stock Board, on Saturday, and seven shares of the Hill Co's stock at 23 ets.

The required subscription of \$10,000 has been completed for the erection of a new Church building by the First Congregational Society at Lewiston. The work of building will commence in the Spring.

THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL. Mr. J. T. Healdy, in his "Diary of a Chaplain in the Army of the Revolution," relates the following:

"At the Battle of Bunker Hill, as the British were advancing through Charlestown to the attack, a soldier entered a house where the husband lay sick. His wife was young and beautiful, and hearing the soldier in the next room, went out to meet him. He immediately addressed insulting proposals to her. Being angrily repulsed he attempted violence, when her screams aroused her sick husband from his bed. Nervous with the sudden excitement, he leaped up, and seeing his wife struggling in the arms of a British soldier, ran him through the body. The man fell back on the floor, and as his eyes met those of his destroyer, he shrieked out, 'my brother!' The recognition was mutual, and with the exclamation, 'I have murdered my brother, the over-excited invalid husband fell dead on the corpse. These unhappy brothers were Scotchmen. One had emigrated to America several years before, the other had joined the English army, and after a long separation thus met to perish together."

(Boston Correspondence.)

Boston, Feb. 11, 1859.

Messrs. Editors.—Your readers, perhaps would like to know something of the progress of things in the "City of Nubians," and, to whills away an unoccupied hour, I will endeavor to enlighten them in some measure. The weather, for two or three days past has been very bad, a N. E. storm prevailing most of the time, and this all will confess, is the most disagreeable of all storms, in this part of the country. However, as there is a good prospect of skating ahead, the people of this goodly city are content to sit inside their doors, and look out upon the falling rain, feeling satisfied to chat away the while, having in view a good time on "Jamaica" or the "Back Bay." Skating here, is the prevailing excitement, and it is not confined to the male class of the community, but the females are also very fond of the sport, who as soon as there is any prospect, are sure to be among the first, to tie on their irons, and glide along the smooth surface. But the surface does not remain smooth for a long time for as soon as one is seen indulging in the sport, hundreds, I may say thousands, rush to the scene of action. It is a beautiful scene to see two or three thousand people of both sexes, all indulging in this healthy sport some skating one way, some another, and "cutting up their pranks," with an ease, which seems almost, impossible to one inexperienced.

Last Sunday Eve., the National Theater was opened, to the public, as a house of worship quite a novel idea in this Puritan city; there was a very large attendance, and good attention was paid during the meeting, to the exercises. It is hoped that some good may result from this, as there are many who would not attend a religious meeting in any other place. Globe Dance Hall opposite the National, has also been opened as a prayer house.

If good is done at these meetings, there is also some evil, which will be seen by the following which we copy from the Atlas:

"Deacons are generally clever, souls, and believe other people as honest and clever as themselves—all of which is a great mistake. Deacon Lewis Wilder, who is well known to many of our citizens, was victimized yesterday by a keen chap who knew what he was about. It appears that the Deacon was in attendance at Father Mason's Hall, North street, and near him was a young man who expressed to him an apparently deep interest in religious matters. The Deacon was of course gratified at this, and no doubt indulged the expectation that another lamb was about to be added to the spiritual flock.

The young man, after a little while, asked the Deacon what was the time; whereupon the good man drew his faithful and ancient watch, which he had no sooner done than the individual who had expressed so much concern about his soul, snatched it and ran with a 2-40 rapidly down stairs. The astonished Deacon also ran in pursuit, shouting "stop thief," but the fugue was too fleet for him, and disappeared in Commercial street, since which time he has not been seen. The watch was silver, and worth about \$25. Its principal value was its old companionship. We regret that the good Deacon was thus victimized. "All is not gold that glitters," and Satan himself often talks piety to carry out his diabolical purposes."

That was quite an original idea to gain the Deacon's confidence, and probably, if he ever sees that young gentleman again he will dress him in a "suit of mourning" not to blame, either.

The Legislature is in session now. No very exciting debates have as yet occurred, and in fact we see no prospect of their occurring but we cannot tell what may come to pass.

Sleighing is on the wane just now. It lasts but a short time here, but while it does last people are bound to enjoy it. Every cart on runners is obliged to go during the sleighing season, and the policemen have their handfull in "spotting" individuals who have been guilty of that dangerous practice, fast driving.

B. C. T.

THE MISSION OF THE FLOWERS.

"I am weary and sad to day;— would that the angels would come and carry me home!"

Thus sighed Alice Vernon, one lovely summer day, as she threw herself languidly on the green grass, beneath a wide spreading elm, around whose noble trunk twined thick vines of the beautiful convolvulus with lovely flowers:—

"I am tired of earth's vain glory,
I am tired of grief and sin;
Let me in to rest eternal,
Let me in!"

Dark Distrust and grim-visaged Despair have found an abode in my heart, filling it with fearful forebodings—with discontent and sadness—and have driven thence all that is good and pure and beautiful?"

And the maiden, leaning her head against the tree, while an expression of sadness cast a shadow over her brow, and dimmed the wonted brightness of her hazel eyes, relapsed into dreamy reveries.

Then sweet voices seemed to fall upon her ear, and in the lovely flowers of the convolvulus which grew so profusely around, she beheld tiny, fairy-like beings, robed in white, with golden hair and laughing blue eyes,—singing sweetly as in their fragrant bowers they were gently rocked by the breeze.

And then their song seemed to be addressed to her; and these were the words which reached her ear, soft and sweet as the falling of rain drops on the flowers:—

"Weary heart, thy sighs we hear,
Nought is gained by hopeless sadness,
Better far to weep and grieve,
Than to fret and fret the flowers."

Learn with Faith to look above,
In each trial,—in each sorrow;
Learn to feel that the flowers
Trust in Him whose name is Love!"

The song ceased, and one of the number stepped forth from her fairy hiding place and seated herself on a blade of grass directly before Alice, then in a voice soft, and musical, she spoke: "Alas, perhaps you may wonder at being addressed by a flower spirit. But we heard your complaint as you lay down to rest near our bowers, and we resolved to strive to cheer your pathway; for you must know that it is the mission of the flowers, to gladden the earth,—to make brighter the life of mortals. All our lives are spent in the endeavor to do good. Rarely, as now, it is our lot to impart useless lessons by our words and songs. More frequently, we live in some lowly and retired spot, teaching humility to the few by whom we are seen, and perchance we are trampled by some careless foot, or rudely destroyed by some thoughtless child. Yet we are content, for 'it is His will who made us!'"

Alice, we know that the path of mortals is often darkened by clouds,—that sunlight is far less frequent, but it is useless to repine. Strive rather, like the *Flower Angels*, to make happier the life of others;—to do good! Farewell, Alice; remember the lesson of the flowers!"

And with a graceful inclination of her tiny head, around which floated rich waves of golden hair, she flew away, while again the fairies sang,—

"Learn with Faith to look above,
In each trial,—in each sorrow;
Learn to feel that the flowers
Trust in God! His name is Love."

As the last notes faded upon her ear, Alice awoke. Kneeling on the grass, she poured forth her soul in prayer. When she arose,—all things seemed new,—more beautiful than before.

The birds sang, and there sang was that of the flower Angels, "God is Love!" The brook flowed merrily on, and its words were the same. The winds whispered then, the sun wrote then with golden pencils on the earth, and in her heart the voice of Nature found an echo; joy and peace, hand in hand, had entered there,—the evil spirit had departed,—and the two beautiful sisters sang together,—

"God is Love!"

And this change was the work of the flowers? G.

We have several communications on hand which will receive attention in due time.

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ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF
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RELIGIOUS SERVICES.
Every Sabbath at 11 o'clock,
1:15 P. M., in the following churches:
First Congregational, Rev. Mr. D.
Second, Rev. Mr. D.
Universalist, Rev. Mr. D.

MEETINGS FOR PRAYER.
Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock, at the
Tabernacle, Tuesday evenings. Preaching
on Saturday evenings.

GODDARD'S ACADEMY.—As
seen by reference to the ad-
vertisement, the Spring Term
fourishing Institution will com-
mence the first Tuesday in March, at
twelve o'clock, under the
of N. T. Tamm, A. M., as Pr.
Miss ORRIS C. WALKER as
ant, and Mr. C. B. Dyer, Ten-
Pennyman.

The high standard attained
Institution since its incorpora-
1836, renders it necessary
to say anything in its behalf
enough to know that Dr. Tru-
minas is charge.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Mr. Buck-
tor of the Congregational Church
this village, has gone south, to
spend a few weeks, for his health.
desk will be supplied by the Rev.
Tabernacle, of Oxford.

Rev. Mr. Ganges, Past-
or the Universalist Church, gentle-
man the Tappanchildren of our
in his sermon last Sabbath, for
telling the fair sex. Well, his
dangerous business where the
so many land come ladies.

We understand that the
Mill Company in the place have
a contract for sawing three
million of lumber at Brunswick
next season. Their own mill in
village will probably not be
more. There are now about
engaged in logging on the head-
of the Androscoggin.

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ter our streets the present winter.
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of syndicates, which put into the
bet, manufactures thirty-four
of dollars worth annually.

On Thursday evening, in Be-
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Charles Rollins, Burroughs, per-
ranging the bell, stopped in, gave a
ter to the servant girl to take up
and see if there was an answer.
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camped.

New gold diggings have been
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BETHEL PRICE CURRENT.
CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE COURIER.

Flour	\$3.50	7.75	4 a
Corn	1.00	1.00	Round Hogs,
Rye	92	1.00	Hams,
Feed Wheat	1.50	1.75	Lard,
Oats	15	15	Chickens,
Butter	15	15	Turkeys,
Chickens	8	12	Beans,
Eggs	15	15	Wool,
Apples	1.50	2.00	Wooden,
Potatoes	6	8	Hay,
Total	23	25	Wood,

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Gould's Academy.—As will be seen by reference to the advertising columns, the Spring Term of this flourishing Institution will commence the first Tuesday in March, and continue eleven weeks, under the charge of N. T. TRUE, A. M., as Principal, Miss OLIVE C. WALKER, as Assistant, and Mr. C. B. DAVIS, Teacher of Penmanship.

The high standard attained by this Institution since its incorporation in 1826, renders it unnecessary for us to say anything in its behalf; it is enough to know that Dr. True, continues in charge.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Mr. Buck, Pastor of the Congregational Church in this village, has gone south, to be absent a few weeks, for his health. His desk will be supplied by the Rev. Mr. Tuckery, of Oxford.

Rev. Mr. Gaines, Pastor of the Universalist Church, gently rapped the Terephorians of our village in his sermon last Sabbath, for advertising the fair sex. Well, it is a dangerous business where there are so many hand-some ladies.

We understand that the Steam Mill Company, in this place have made a contract for sawing three or four million of lumber at Brunswick the next season. Their own mill in this village will probably cut as much more. There are now about 200 men engaged in logging on the head waters of the Androscoggin.

Trade appears to be brisk in our streets the present winter. It is thought that so much business has never been done here in any season as during the present winter.

By a recent edict of the P. M. in this village, those of our subscribers who have hitherto had their papers left at the Post Office, will be obliged to call at this office for them.

There are in Massachusetts two hundred and ninety-four factories, with a capital of thirty-two millions of dollars, and one and a half millions of spindles, which put into the market manufactures thirty four millions of dollars worth annually.

On Thursday evening, in Boston, a fellow went to the residence of Mr. Charles Rollins, Burroughs place, rang the bell, stepped in, gave a letter to the servant girl to take up stairs and see if there was an answer, and in the absence of the girl took a valuable overcoat, with which he decamped.

New gold diggings have been discovered near the head waters of the Missouri, in the neighborhood of Stevens' Pass. Gold is said to be very plentiful, but of inferior quality. The mines can be very nearly reached by steamboat navigation.

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Butter	15 a 18	Chickens	7 a 9
Eggs	15 a 18	Turkeys	9 a 12
Apples	1.50 a 2.00	Beans	1.15 a 1.50
Potatoes	25 a 35	Wool	25 a 30
		Woolskins	50 a 1.00
		Hay	12.00
		Wood	1.50 a 2.50

Marriages.

In Mason, 16th inst. by Dr. Mason, Mr. Gardner Taylor to Miss Julia Taylor both of W. In Turner, 17th ult., Wm. Bryant to Miss Susan M. Davis.

Deaths.

In Paris, 5th ult. Sylvanus Pook Wilson, son of John M. Wilson, of No. 5, R. 2. At So. Bridport, Jan. 31st, Mrs. Cynthia Knapp, aged 52. At Hamford, Jan. 30, of lung fever, Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, aged 65 years.

THE QUESTION IS

WHERE can I do the best? and it always comes up in the minds of those who are in want of

GROCERIES, or any article of necessity, comfort or convenience. This question can be satisfactorily answered at the Store formerly occupied by Freeman, Barker & Co., where can be found the best and largest assortment of

FLOUR in the county. Also—a constant supply of **FRESH MEAT,** and a complete assortment of choice Family Groceries and

CLOTHING. Possessing facilities that cannot be surpassed for the purchase of Flour, enables us to sell at wholesale and retail prices that defy competition. All articles purchased at this Store warranted to be of the first quality and give perfect satisfaction.

GEO. D. BLAKE, Agent.

N. T. TRUE, AGENT FOR **Monmouth M. F. Insurance Co.,** BETHEL HILL, ME.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber would give notice that he is prepared to Manufacture

DOORS AND SASHES, Also—Curt and Wagon wheels, and all kinds of **TURNING,** done at reasonable prices.

Having given up the **Clover-seed Business,** the whole or a part of the Machinery used in said paper is offered for sale.

WILLIAM RIPLEY, Bethel, Me., Feb. 11, 1859.

Stage Notice.

ALL STAGES will leave Bethel Tuesday 3 P. M., at 5 o'clock, A. M. for Newry, South Newry, and other places. Letter to N. T. True, at Bethel, or to N. T. True, at Newry, or to N. T. True, at South Newry, or to N. T. True, at other places, will be forwarded.

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B. P. YOUNG,

DEALER IN **Boots & Shoes,** 15 1/2 ft call the attention of his friends and the public to his Winter Stock. The goods are selected with great care, and are of the best quality. He is prepared to furnish an Article equal to any in this section.

He also manufactures to measure, Woollen, Mixed and Children's Shoes.

Store in Chapman's Block, Bethel Hill, Dec. 17, 1858.

THE AMERICAN

WRITING CLASS: Will open in this and other places in the vicinity, (if a school can be obtained) TAUGHT BY **C. B. DAVIS & ASSISTANT JS.**

TERMS.—Practical Penmanship 12 weeks, \$1.00. Tuition payable at the commencement of school. School find Ink, Penholders and Lights. For further information see bills. Jan. 21, 1859. 61f

ISLAND POND HOTEL,

Island Pond, Vt. Through Trains dine here. Way Trains remain over night. Porters in attendance to convey Baggage to the HOUSE FREE OF CHARGE. Stairs and Covered Passage from Depot to Hotel. G. G. WATERHOUSE, Proprietor.

Employment.

\$50 A MONTH and all EXPENSES PAID. An Agent is wanted in every town and county in the United States, to engage in a respectable and easy business, by which the above profit may be certainly realized. For further particulars, address Dr. J. HENRY WARNER, corner of Broome and Market Streets, New York City, enclosing one postage stamp. 6mo.

KILLING AND CURING!

STRENGTHENING FOR KILLING FOXES, AND PATENT MEDICINES FOR CURING PEOPLE. For sale by **J. S. ABBOTT,** Bethel Hill, Dec. 17, 1858. 11f

HAIR CUTTING, Shaving and Champoning

by **ALFRED TWICHELL,** Bethel Hill, Me. OYSTERS served up in every style by **ALFRED TWICHELL,** Bethel Hill, Me. 1y1

COTTON GOODS!

HEAVY BROWN SHEETINGS! MEDIUM AND LIGHT " FINE BLEACHED AND UN-BLEACHED SHEETINGS,

Cotton Flannels! Tickings, Drills and Denims.

For Sale cheap for CASH at **KIMBALL'S,** Bethel, Jan. 7, 1859. 1f-4

THE BEST PLACE —TO BUY—

DRY GOODS, READY-MADE CLOTHING!

BOOTS & SHOES, GROCERIES,

Or in fact anything in the line of a Country **VARIETY STORE,** is at

C. & O. H. MASON'S, Near the Depot, BETHEL, ME.

Bethel, Dec. 17, 1858. 11f

Cheap for Cash. A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF **GOODS,** adapted to the

COUNTRY TRADE! Constantly on hand at **KIMBALL'S,** Bethel, Jan. 7, 1859. 1f-4

HUNTER & NIMROD!! ANIMALS and BIRDS set up in good style, and warranted to keep any length of time in any climate. Skins of all kinds of Animals of these regions furnished at short notice. Also—FRESH TROUT sent to order, and seasonably on hand.

Parties guided in any part of Oxford County while Fishing or Hunting. **J. G. RICH,** Dec. 30 ft Letter to Oxford Co., Me.

Gold and Silver SPECIALLY CLES, suit all ages, together with a good assortment of useful and FANCY GOODS, such as

WALLETS, PORT MONIES, SCISSORS, HAIR BRUSHES, TOYS, RAZORS, PERFUMERY, HAIR OIL, POCKET KNIVES, Gold and Steel PENS, Violin Strings, and a great many other goods not specified here. **JOHN S. ABBOTT,** Bethel Hill, Dec. 17, 1858. 11f

WATCHES & JEWELRY DEALER IN **JOHN S. ABBOTT** WATCHES and JEWELRY Of every description. He is also fully prepared to put in perfect order all kinds of WATCHES & CLOCKS and warrant them,—also all kinds of JEWELRY repaired. New glass set in old Spectacle bows. All Goods sold or work done by him will be warranted as he represents.

Old Gold and Silver taken in exchange. Letter Engraving neatly executed. Work done at short notice. Bethel Hill, Dec. 10, 1858. 11f

BRASS CLOCKS, OF ALL KINDS; Also—a good assortment of SILVER and PLATED SPOONS, FORKS, and BUTTER KNIVES, Constantly on hand and for sale low, by **JOHN S. ABBOTT,** Bethel Hill, Dec. 17, 1858. 11f

Wanted. A FEW CORDS of good, dry, Hard Wood, in exchange for the "Courier." Apply at this office.

R. A. CHAPMAN,

WOULD respectfully inform his customers and the public generally, that he has on hand a large and well selected Stock of

Dry Goods! well adapted to the present season, consisting of

Broadcloths Cassimeres, Doeskins, Satinets, Alapaccas, Lyoneses, MUSLIN De LAINES, VALENCIA PLAIDS, Ladies' Cloths,

A great variety of PRINTS, Bleached and un-Bleached Cottons, and Warp Yarns. Also—a good Stock of

FLOUR! Of different brands, and a general assortment of W. I. GOODS, and

GROCERIES, Crockery and Glass-Ware, HARDWARE and CUTLERY, NAILS and GLASS, BOOTS, SHOES and LEATHER, Feathers, Ready-Made Clothing and CARPETINGS, Hats, Caps, —AND— BUFFALO ROBES!!

All of the above Goods will be sold CHEAP FOR CASH, or pay down, and persons coming into the place for the purpose of buying goods, are respectfully invited to call and examine this present Stock of Goods before purchasing elsewhere.

R. A. C. wants in exchange for Goods and Cash, 2000 Bushels of Oats, 500 Bushels White Beans, 5 Tons of Pork, 2 Tons of Butter, 2 Tons Dried Apples, Clover Seed, Hops Grass Seed, Cheese, Pottery, and Wool Skins. Bethel, Dec. 20, 1858. 31f

Woolen Goods, BROAD CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, DOESKINS, TWEEDS, AND SATINETTS. Also—A Good Assortment of

READY-MADE CLOTHING! For Sale at **KIMBALL'S,** Bethel, Jan. 7, 1859. 1f-4

W. J. HAYDEN & CO., Dealers in **STOVES, FIRE FRAMES, LEAD PIPE, SHEET LEAD, PUMPS, Ploughs, Farming Tools, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, TIN WARE, &c., &c.** Job Work done to Order. Bethel Hill, Dec. 24, 1858. 21f

BOOTS, SHOES & RUBBERS. MEN'S, BOYS' & YOUTHS' THICK BOOTS. MEN'S FINE CALF BOOTS, " CONGRESS BOOTS, " GAITER BOOTS, " KID and Grain SHOES, MISSES' SHOES and BOOTEES, CHILDREN'S SHOES. For Sale at **KIMBALL'S,** BETHEL, Jan. 7, 1859. 1f-4

GROCERIES! GROCERIES!

WE HAVE ON HAND AND offer for sale at

Lowest Prices, quality considered, as follows:—

539 Half Chests Oolong TEAS. 50 " " Fouchong " 30 " " Gunpowder " 50 " " Young Hyson

213 boxes "E. Chapman," "I. Hamilton," "World's Fair," "Pine Tree," "Jewel of Ophir," "Iris," "Virginia Belle," "Pride of Union," and "Cornucopia"

TOBACCO. 93 bags Rio, Santos and Java

COFFEE. 85 barrels Refined SUGARS. 10 lbsds. New Crop, New Orleans

SUGAR. 45 lbsds. New Crop, New Orleans 23 lbsds. Cienfuegos do. 390 whole, half and quarter boxes

RAISINS. 70 lbsds. Mess and Clear PORK 1500 lbs. No. 1 Dutch Gov't and Penang NUTMEGS. 29 tierces Carolina RICE. 900 boxes Scaled and No. one

HERRING. 15,000 lbs. POLLOCK FISH. 20,000 lbs. COD " 300 boxes GLASS. 200 coils different sized Manila

CORDAGE. 100 doz. PAIRS; 50 nests TUBS, 3s and 8s, together with all the Goods going to make up a stock of GROCERIES for the Country Trade.

Davis, Twitchell & Chapman, 85 Commercial St. PORTLAND, ME. Jan. 7, 1859. 3m1

NEW JEWELRY STORE! THE Subscriber would respectfully announce that he has recently fitted up a Store in THE "COURIER" BUILDING, near the Post Office, where he is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line with neatness and dispatch.

All work warranted. Also—Gun and Pistol repairing. S. A. RUSSELL, Bethel Hill, Dec. 17, 1858. 11f

S. H. CHAPMAN, Horse Shoer & Farrier, WOULD inform his friends and the public that he is prepared to do all kinds of the above work in the neatest manner. Forge Coal constantly on hand and for sale.

BOARDING by the day or week on reasonable terms. Horses and Carriages to let. Bethel Hill, Dec. 17, 1858. 11y

GOULD'S ACADEMY

IN BETHEL. THE SPRING TERM of this Institution will commence on the

FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH, And continue Eleven Weeks.

N. T. TRUE, A. M. D., Principal. Miss OLIVE C. WALKER, Assistant. C. B. DAVIS, Teacher of Penmanship.

The course of instruction will be as thorough as possible, embracing such Studies as are taught in the best Academies in New England. The Ancient and Modern Languages, including the French, Spanish and Italian, will receive particular attention from the Principal.

The Mathematical course is systematic and thorough, and well adapted to prepare teachers for their calling, and young men for business. Special classes will be formed for teachers in Arithmetic, Grammar, and Geography. These are designed to be model classes. Students who contemplate entering these classes are requested to be furnished with Columbia's First Lessons, and Greenleaf's Introductory, and New National Arithmetics.

Young ladies will here find a systematic course marked out which will be optional with them to pursue, or to adopt a more limited course.

Parents and guardians are cordially invited to examine into the merits of this Institution. The Academy is pleasantly located in the flourishing village at Bethel Hill, and under the charge of a permanent Principal. Miss Walker comes highly recommended in her department.

Students are requested, if possible, to be present on the first morning of the term. EXPENSES—Good Board in Families, per week, \$2.00. Tuition—in Higher English, and Language, Common English, 3.50. Fifty cents will be deducted for those who pay by the quarter.

Books and Stationery may be obtained in the village. For further information application may be made to the Principal. Bethel, Feb. 1, 1859.

GREAT BARGAINS!!

SELLING off Goods cheaper than any other establishment in this vicinity! consisting of

BOOTS, SHOES, Rubber Goods, GROCERIES, DRY GOODS!

CROCKERY & GLASSWARE, CONFECTIONERY, HARD-WARE, DRUGS & STATIONERY.

Also—just received—a fresh supply of NEW MOLASSES, of superior quality, and a few barrels, NEW ORLEANS! all of which will be sold at prices which cannot fail to suit the purchaser.

All articles Warranted. Please call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. F. S. CHANDLER, Bethel, Feb. 3, 1859. 41f

DAVIS & BRADLEY, General Commission Merchants, AND DEALERS IN **FLOUR AND CORN,** No. 27 Commercial St., (Head Portland Pier) Portland, Me. J. ALLEN DAVIS. ROBERT BRALEY, Proprietor.

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